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October 18, 2017

Sent via email to: (b) (6)

Mr. Robert Hammond

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Dear Mr. Hammond:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 8, 2017. Your request was received in our office on September 11, 2017 and was assigned case number DON-NAVY-2017-010423.

In the course of processing your FOIA request, this office contacted Bureau of Naval Medicine (BUMED) to conduct a search for applicable records. Subsequently, BUMED has searched their databases for records relating to "...Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's FY 2013 Annual FOIA Report submission, FY 2013 FOIA Processing Log and the forwarding correspondence thereof - all records without any redactions" and BUMED has advised DNS-36 that they have found no records responsive to your request. Additionally, per SECNAVINST M-5210.1, Records Management Manual regarding FOIA Report Files, are "destroyed when 2 years old or no longer needed for administrative purposes, whichever is earlier". The requested records concerning the FY 2013 annual FOIA reports are no longer in the filing system maintained by the DON PA/FOIA Office. WRNMMC is an Echelon 3 command and does not submit emails or FOIA reports directly to the DON PA/FOIA Office.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Because no records were located, under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you may appeal this determination by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General  
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be received within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with processing your request were below the minimum threshold and have not been assessed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis; a previous determination has no influence on future determinations.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Strong', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. Strong  
Head, DON PA/FOIA Program Office  
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